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1. Communist troops in Sian (108-54, 34-16) consist largely of local militiamen, with very few regular troops. Their arms and equipment were captured from the Nationalists; they have no weapons or equipment of Soviet manufacture.
2. There are a large number of Communist Party and government organizations in Sian. The number of factories has also increased greatly, but all of them are in the light industry category. There is only one arsenal and only one railway repair shop.
3. F'ENG Te-huai, chairman of the Northwest Military and Administrative Committee, very seldom stays at Sian or attends meetings there. The military and political administration of Sian is actually in the hands of HSI Chung-shun (曹仲勳), secretary of the Northwest Bureau, and CHANG Tsung-sun (張宗遜), deputy commander of the 1 Field Army.
4. Repairs and construction work on the airfield at Sian which were begun early in February have now been completed.
5. The highway between Sian and Ch'engtu via Hanchung (107-04, 30-40) has been repaired and reinforced.

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